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FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT MADE BY US REP TO PLENARY OF
COCOA MEETING AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 22.

OPENING STATEMENT AT COCOA CONFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,

1. ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, I WOULD
LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL
COCOA AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION LOOKS
FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER DELEGATIONS
PRESENT.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KISSINGER, HAS STATED
ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS
PREPARED TO DISCUSS NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL
COMMODITIES, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. IN SEPTEMBER 1,
SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED
THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO JOIN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
TIN AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION.
THE SECRETARY ALSO SAID WE ARE PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN
COFFEE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WE WOULD JOIN IN NEGOTIATIONS
FOR A SECOND COCOA AGREEMENT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT COCOA IS ONE OF THE COMMODITIES WHICH
MIGHT LEND ITSELF TO AN EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT TO MODERATE
INSTABILITY IN CONSUMER SUPPLIES AND PRODUCER EARNINGS.
WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COCOA AGREEMENT
FOR OVER 15 YEARS. WE ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE PRESENT
AGREEMENT, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT
WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR
COCOA WHICH SATISFIES THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF
BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

4. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION ENTERS THIS NEGOTIATION
MINDFUL OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE RECENT 7TH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS OTHER
DELEGATIONS ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED THE
ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH
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WE DID REGISTER SOME RESERVATIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS. IN
OUR VIEW, THIS UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON COCOA HAS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SUBSTANCE AND FORM TO THE OBJECTIVES
EXPRESSED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. FOR OUR PART, WE INTEND
TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THESE
NEGOTIATIONS.

5. PERHAPS LIKE MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THIS

CONFERENCE, WE CANNOT STATE AT THIS TIME THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN AND RATIFY WHATEVER AGREEMENT IS REACHED. OUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AGREEMENT CAN ONLY BE MADE AFTER OUR GOVERNMENT HAS AVAILABLE TO IT THE FINAL TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR CONGRESS WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY BEFORE SUCH A DECISION IS REACHED. HAVING SAID THAT, I CAN ASSURE THE DELEGATES THAT THE QUESTION OF THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN A NEW COCOA AGREEMENT WILL RECEIVE THE FULLEST CONSIDERATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN THE LIGHT OF OUR ANNOUNCED POLICY OF ASSISTING IN FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS RELATED TO TRADE IN COMMODITIES.

6. WE THINK THE OBJECTIVE OF A COCOA AGREEMENT SHOULD BE TO MODERATE THE SWINGS IN COCOA PRICES AND PRODUCER EARNINGS AND TO ASSURE CONSUMERS OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES. A SATISFACTORY COCOA AGREEMENT SHOULD PROMOTE EQUILIBRIUM IN THE COCOA MARKET AND PROMOTE ITS ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IN OUR VIEW, THE PROVISIONS OF ANY COCOA AGREEMENT MUST BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE, FLEXIBLE AND NON-DISRUPTIVE TO FUNDAMENTAL MARKET FORCES AND ESTABLISHED TRADE PRACTICES. THEY SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH PRESENT AND FUTURE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS, NOT THE PAST. THEY SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ADAPT TO CHANGING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION TRENDS AND TO ENCOURAGE, RATHER THAN HINDER, THE EXPANSION OF COCOA PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

7. MR. CHAIRMAN, OUR DELEGATION HAS GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING OUR GOALS. IN THE COURSE OF THIS NEGOTIATION, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING
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OUR IDEAS AND CONSULTING WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. MY DELEGATION IS FULLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH US.

8. MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. DALE

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